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" (c) Yes, Sir.

" (d) The Government have since withdrawn all restrictions in the afternoon period and have confined the morning restrictions to two hours only between 9 and 11 a.m. and to the few difficult places mentioned above instead of the seven roads previously notified."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what the different categories are of slow moving vehicles that are contemplated? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Hand-carts laden with goods are one of the important categories."

Improvements to the villages of South Arcot under the Community Projects Scheme.

* 222 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the improvements so far made in the villages of South Arcot district under the Community Projects Scheme; and

(b) the amount so far spent in the district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The preliminary work of Planning and preparation and setting up the necessary administrative machinery in the block has been completed. The survey of the block has been completed and the programme of work to be undertaken in the block area is being finalised.

" (b) About Rs. 5,500."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, in a previous answer given on the floor of this House, it was asked why the Community Project Development was not implemented in the very backward area, namely, Gingee. Will the Hon. Minister consider whether he can shift these activities from Chidambaram or make another block of Gingee, as that is really a backward area? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have already answered that these areas were chosen on the basis of adequacy of irrigation facilities that were available. Therefore, there is no question of shifting the Community Project work from the Chidambaram area to another taluk. I may also give the following further information for the benefit of hon. Members. Although the primary work of survey has been completed, we have already drawn up an overall programme costing about Rs. 11,26,000 for the area under various heads, such as (1) Irrigation including artesian wells, Rs. 3,51,000; (2) Communications, Rs. 38,000; (3) Culverts, Rs. 1,39,000; (4) Foot bridges, Rs. 66,000; (5) Draw wells, etc., Rs. 66,000; (6) Bathing ghats, repairs, etc., Rs. 14,000; (7) Health centres, Maternity centres, dispensaries, etc., Rs. 64,000; (8) Short-term loans, Rs. 2,40,000; (9) Education,

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Rs. 65,000, (10) Social Education and Recreation centres, Rs. 62,000; (11) Reclamation, Rs. 25,000 and (12) Village Arts and Crafts, Rs. 64,000.

Thus, the overall programme of works to the extent of rupees 11,26,000 has been already drawn and substantial results could be anticipated from now on."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—"இந்தத் தொகையில் நிர்வாக அதிகாரிகளுக்காகச் செலவிடப்படும் தொகை எவ்வளவு என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லுவார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the expenditure on technical staff has also been calculated and included in the expenditure under the various heads up to the end of January 1954. Out of the total expenditure incurred under the Community Project Administration, the salary and allowances of the staff would amount to 30 per cent and out of that two-thirds will go to the salary, etc., of the technical staff."

SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAY :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether extension of electricity under the project work will be taken up and expedited with a view to step up food production?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, that aspect is being looked into."

Bed-strength in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Cuddalore.

* 223 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many beds are provided in the Government Headquarters Hospital at Cuddalore, South Arcot district; and

(*b*) how many in-patients were treated in the year 1952 and the average number of in-patients treated per day?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 160.

" (*b*) The total number of persons treated in the hospital as in-patients during 1952 was 9,396 and the daily average number of in-patients treated was 293."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" கடலூர் ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் கட்டில் இல்லாத காரணத்தால் சில நோயாளிகள் தரையிலேயே கிடத்தப்படுகிறார்கள். நேற்று கனம் மெம்பர் K. T. Raju கயிற்றுக் கட்டில்களையாவது போடக்கூடாதா, என்று கேட்டதற்கு கனம் மந்திரியவர்கள், அவைகளைப்போட இடம் இல்லை என்று சொன்னார். வெயிற்காலத்திலாவது கீற்றுக் கொட்டாய்களை காலியாக இருக்கும் இடத்தில் போட்டு நோயாளிகளுக்கு தற்காலிகமாகப் போதிய வசதி அரசாங்கம் செய்து கொடுக்குமா ?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, there is provision for increasing bed-strength by 20 per cent under Part II Scheme of the next Budget. Increase of bed-strength is always considered wherever there is great and urgent need and also if it is consistent with the availability of funds."